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2132

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated March 7, 2007. The Examiner has set a one-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before April 7, 2007. Attached herewith is a newly submitted Appeal Brief and a copy of the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such a fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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